



# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

Chesterfield County, Virginia

Karl S. Leonard, Sheriff



Received & Indexed

APR 21 2015

FCC Mail Room

April 8, 2015

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Ex Parte Communication**  
**WC Docket No. 12-375; Inmate Calling Services**

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office hereby files an *ex parte* communication in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. The Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office supports the comments and reply comments filed by the National Sheriffs' Association in this proceeding. The purpose of this filing is to submit additional information specific to this office in support of NSA's position that Sheriffs must be allowed to recover their costs if ICS services are to continue to be widely available in jails.

Inmate calling is a discretionary service in our jail and it is allowed for the benefit of inmates and their families. If we are not permitted to recover the costs associated with the provision of ICS service, then we can and we may be forced to significantly limit or eliminate altogether access to inmate phones in our jail. Currently, we have the incentive to allow significant access to ICS service and inmates are able to make calls 12 hours per day. Denying payments to jails or restricting such payments to levels that do not at least cover our costs, will have the effect of reducing the incentive and ability to continue to allow ICS in this manner.

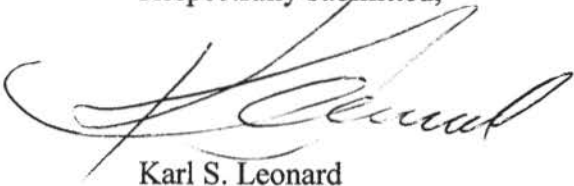
Our budget has experienced extensive reductions in recent years and we anticipate further decreases which will directly impact our ability to maintain critical security functions and programs for inmates to combat recidivism. If the cost of allowing ICS must compete with all other budget needs, these functions/programs may not be funded. However, if the cost of allowing ICS has its own source of funding, it is less likely to be impacted by the budget process.

No. of Copies rec'd 0  
List ABCDE

Accordingly, we incur significant costs in allowing ICS in jails and we must be allowed to recover these costs to be able to continue to allow ICS in jails.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K. Leonard', written in dark ink.

Karl S. Leonard  
Sheriff